



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 30, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe  
Director of Public Works

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
URBAN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BOARD MOTION—JANUARY 16, 2007  
INTERIM REPORT**

On January 16, 2007, your Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Public Works to provide information regarding the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Urban Partnership Agreement and to identify potential projects that might be considered for funding in conjunction with this Agreement.

In May 2006, the USDOT announced its National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network (Congestion Initiative), a bold and comprehensive national program to reduce congestion on the Nation's roads, rails, runways, and waterways. One major component of the Congestion Initiative is the Urban Partnership Agreement. The USDOT is soliciting proposals from metropolitan areas to enter into Urban Partnership Agreements in order to demonstrate strategies with a combined track record of effectiveness in reducing traffic congestion.

To support congestion-reducing strategies adopted by the USDOT's Urban Partners, the USDOT proposes to utilize discretionary funding available under its Intelligent Transportation Systems Operational Testing to Mitigate Congestion (ITS-OTMC) Program, its Value Pricing Pilot Program, and other discretionary grant, lending, and credit support programs. In addition, to the maximum extent possible, the USDOT will support its Urban Partners with regulatory flexibility and dedicated expertise and personnel.

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The ITS-OTMC Program may provide successful applicants up to \$100 million over three years in support of innovative technology-based strategies to reduce congestion. Urban Partners wishing to receive funding under the ITS-OTMC Program must submit applications by April 30, 2007. Types of eligible projects include:

- Advanced traffic signal control
- Innovative incident detection and management strategies
- Integrated corridor management
- Parking management tied to transit service
- Managed lanes
- Lane-keeping devices or longitudinal control designed to enhance spatial efficiency on existing highways
- Signal priority systems for buses
- Advance traveler information systems
- Projects that contain technologies which support pricing strategies
- Projects that use technology to support and combine congestion mitigation strategies such as congestion pricing, expansion of transit capacity, and telecommuting

Based on this eligibility criteria, we are working with our transportation partners in the County:

- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

to determine which agency might best serve as the Urban Partner for the Los Angeles County region to sponsor qualifying projects of regional significance and to submit the applications. We will provide a follow-up report by March 20, 2007, with our recommendations resulting from our work with these agencies.

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cc: Chief Administrative Officer  
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At its meeting held January 16, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has initiated the Urban Partnership Agreement under the 'National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network,' and has allocated up to \$100 million to fund applicant projects designed to demonstrate congestion-reducing strategies, such as tolling, transit, telecommuting and technology/operations.

"Los Angeles County is a natural region for the USDOT to explore for a potential pilot project that matches the criteria for this new program. As the \$100 million funding category could possibly bring new funding into the County, it is imperative that the County Department of Public Works determine whether there are eligible projects within the County that could potentially fund innovative congestion mitigation strategies."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Public Works were directed to report back to the Board within two weeks on the following issues regarding the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) initiation of the Urban Partnership Agreement under the National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network, which has allocated up to \$100 million to fund applicant projects designed to demonstrate congestion-reducing strategies:

1. An analysis of the criteria guiding the selection of projects within this category of funding;
2. An identification of County projects or potential projects that meet the criteria established by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT);

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3. A ranking of those projects that qualify, based on potential for selection, as determined in conjunction with USDOT staff; and
4. A recommendation on which projects to submit to the USDOT for this funding category for Board approval.

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March 22, 2007

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe *DLW*  
Director of Public Works

### **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION URBAN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BOARD MOTION—JANUARY 16, 2007 FINAL REPORT**

On January 16, 2007, your Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Public Works to provide information regarding the United States Department of Transportation Urban Partnership Agreement and to identify potential projects that might be considered for funding in conjunction with this Agreement.

In my preliminary report of January 30, 2007 (copy attached), general information was provided regarding this program. The report indicated that Public Works would be working with Metro, Caltrans, and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to determine how best to proceed. Several meetings have been held, and it was agreed that it would be advantageous for Metro to take the lead on this important effort since Metro is formally designated as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Los Angeles metropolitan region.

Under the Urban Partnership Agreement proposal, successful applicants must agree to pursue the following four strategies with a combined record of effectiveness in reducing traffic congestion: **Tolling, Transit, Telecommuting, and Technology.** Applicants

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must also provide information regarding why traffic congestion is severe in the region, the local public's acknowledgement of the problem, and readiness of the area's political leadership to solve the problem. Projects must be included in each of the four categories and should:

- Affect the most daily surface transportation travelers
- Produce the greatest potential reduction in overall traffic congestion
- Provide the greatest congestion-reduction benefits per dollar of Federal support
- Provide the most cost-effective means of reducing traffic congestion
- Demonstrate innovative and potentially far-reaching technology applications
- Be deliverable in a relatively short timeframe (2-3 years)

The attached list of projects, both future and currently underway, are being considered for inclusion in the Urban Partnership Agreement Application. Additional meetings with Metro, Caltrans, SCAG, the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, and the City of Los Angeles are planned over the next few days to further refine the project list. Project cost estimates will need to be added and priorities established within each of the four categories. Metro will provide a full report on the Urban Partnership Agreement effort to the Metro Board of Directors later this month, well in advance of the application deadline.

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